GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:94
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2002
MECHANIZED FISHING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have marked any limit along the coastline of the country debarring mechanized fishing;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to assist the poor fishermen during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Based on a model Marine Fishing Regulation Bill circulated by the Government of India all the coastal States, except Gujarat have enacted Marine Fishing Regulation Acts earmarking operational areas for different types of fishing vessels.The details are given in Annexure-I.

(c): The steps taken by Government of India to assist the poor fishermen during the last three years are given in Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I

Answer to Part (b) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.94 due for answer on 25.11.2002 by Shri Kalava Srinivasulu

Area reserved for Traditional Crafts & Mechanised Vessels in the Territorial waters of Maritime States

S.No.	State/Act	Area exclusively for traditional craft @	Areas for Mechanised vessel
1.	Gujarat	Marine Fishing Regulation Act of theState is under consideration	
2.	MaharashtraMFRA 1981	5-10 fathom depth(9-18m depth)	
3.	GoaMFRA 1980	5 Kms.	Beyond 5 Kms.
4.	KarnatakaMFRA 1986	6 Kms.	Beyond 6 Kms.
5.	KeralaMFRA 1980	10 Kms.	Beyond 10 Kms.
6.	Tamil NaduMFRA 1983	3 nautical miles(5.4 Kms.)	Beyond 3 nautical miles
7	Andhra PradeshMFRA 1993	8 Kms.	Beyond 8 Kms.
8.	OrissaMFRA 1982	5 Kms. i) Upto 15m OAL	beyond 5 kms ii)Above 15m OAL beyond 10 kms
9.	West Bengal	i)Upto 8 kms for mechanised vessels upto 9m OAL ii)Upto 20 kms but not below 8 kms for vessels above 9m OAL	i) Upto 15m OAL upto 50 kms but not below 20 Kms ii)Above 15m OAL beyond 50 kms

ANNEXURE-II

Material related to Part (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 94 by Shri Kalava Srinivasulu regarding mechanized fishing due for answer on 25.11.2002

The steps taken by the Government of India to assist the poor fishermen of the coastal States/UTs are as follows:

1. Subsidy for purchase of Out Board Motors engine (OBM) @ Rs.10,000 per engine and Inboard Motors engine (IBM) @ Rs.12,00(per engine.

2. The National Welfare of Fishermen Schemes is having 3 components:

(i) Saving-cum-Relief Scheme for marine fishers.

(ii) Accident Insurance Scheme for active fishers.

(iii) Housing for fishers.

3. Under the Scheme of Reimbursement of Central Excise Duty on HSD, an amount of Rs.2603.22 lakhs has been granted to the States for assisting fishermen for the last three years.

4. Under the scheme for Motorization of traditional Crafts, an amount of Rs.383.99 lakhs for motorising 7215 crafts has been granted for the last three years.

5. Under the Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen, central assistance of Rs.63.71 crore has been released to various States/UTs for the last three years. About 12 lakh fishermen were covered under Group Accident Insurance Scheme and about 2.5 lakh fishermen under Saving-cum-Relief component.

6. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Fishing Harbour Facilities at Major & Minor Ports, Central assistance to the tune of Rs.3252.67 lakhs has been released to the various maritime States, UTs and Port Trusts during the last three years.Under the scheme, expansion of existing facilities of one major fishing harbour at Visakhapatnam, five minor fishing harbours and 14 fish landing centres have been sanctioned during the last 3 years, which would benefit the fishermen for safe berthing and landing facility of their boats/vessels.